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Helpful Bits

THE RESTRAINTS and dangers of surveillance did not deter Juana Castro, during her last four years in Cuba, from the risky business of passing on to the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States such information as she could accumulate under watchful eyes.

Now in Mexico, determined to help vigorously in the ouster of brother Fidel's Communist regime, Juana is revealed as having been a CIA informant, though not an operative. Her contributions are described as "bits." But many "bits" from many sources add to a substantial sum.

Juana has done much, courageously, to free her homeland from its terrorized subjugation. Now she can do much more. The CIA will be receptive. Meanwhile, it is good to know that even in the hazardous environment of Cuba, the CIA was on the job when Juana had something to tell. The CIA may miss here and there, but it is not somnolent. The "bits" it heretofore has received from Juana now may become chunks.